

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated January 22, 2009. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended, and claims 9 and 10 have been canceled; as such, claims 1-8 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 5 are independent claims.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Reconsideration and allowance is requested in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

Election Restriction Requirement

Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled. As such, the election restriction requirement has been rendered moot.

Claim Objection

Claims 1 and 5 have been objected to for using the term “out side.” The Office Action requested that the term “out side” be amended to “outside.”

The claims have been amended accordingly.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,220,443 to Noguchi (“Noguchi”).

As amended, claim 1 recites:

Open curve electronic circuit wiring laid so as to surround a main circuit formed and opened at one location on a board in order to protect the main circuit from static electricity and laid so as to include a cross region partially crossing other wiring for connecting to drive the main circuit and to wiring extending toward outside of the board via an insulation film, comprising:

a start point terminal,

an end point terminal arranged on the start point terminal side via the cross region, and

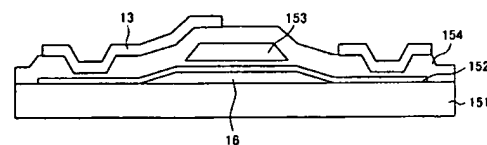
a resistor element,

the resistor element being connected to the start point terminal side with respect to the cross region.

With respect to claim 1, Noguchi fails to teach or suggest an “[o]pen curve electronic circuit wiring laid so as to surround a main circuit formed and opened at one location on a board in order to protect the main circuit from static electricity and laid so as to include a cross region partially crossing other wiring for connecting to drive the main circuit and to wiring extending toward outside of the board via an insulation film”

By example, in the present invention, the open curve electronic circuit wiring 13 protects the main circuit (effective display region 12) from electro static discharge, and the other wiring 16 drives the main circuit 12. This is illustrated in Fig. 4 of the present application, where the electric circuit wiring provides protection to the main circuit by providing a discharge effect with respect to the start point terminal (paragraph [0027]).

FIG. 4



By contrast, the gate bus line 3 and the drain bus line 4 of Noguchi drive the thin film transistor (TFT) 2 for controlling each pixel 12. Accordingly, the structure of the present invention differs from Noguchi and therefore distinguishes the present invention from Noguchi.

Noguchi, therefore, fails to teach or suggest various features of independent claim 1. For similar reasons, independent claim 5 is also neither taught nor suggested by Noguchi. Furthermore, at least for the reason disclosed above, claims 2-4 and 6-8 overcome Noguchi because they depend on independent claims 1 and 5.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-3138/SOH from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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FIGURE 2

